

110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prevent the granting of  
regulatory forbearance by default.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER —, 2007

Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, and Mr. \_\_\_\_\_) in-  
troduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Com-  
mittee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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granting of regulatory forbearance by default.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Consumers  
5 through Proper Forbearance Procedures Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF FORBEARANCE PETITION CONSID-**  
7 **ERATION.**

8 Section 10(c) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47  
9 U.S.C. 160(c)) is amended by striking the second and  
10 third sentences and inserting the following: “The Commis-

1 sion shall grant or deny any such petition within one year  
2 after the Commission receives it, except that the Commis-  
3 sion may extend the one-year period for an additional 90  
4 days if the Commission finds that the extension is nec-  
5 essary to meet the requirements of subsection (a).”.

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